GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals mooted by India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit meet held in Astana, Kazakhstan in July this year for common security of the region and for dealing with cross border terrorism;

(b) the consensus reached in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) India was admitted as an Observer to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at the Summit held in Astana, Kazakhstan from 4-6 July 2005. No proposals were mooted by India.

(b) The Summit Declaration, which reflects the consensus reached by SCO member states, proposed inter alia, close coordination among member countries to counter threats to peace, security and stability of the region.

(c) This was the first meeting attended by India as Observer.